

# DCR Blue Hills Reservation & South Region Sites



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## Stony Brook Canine Strolls

Meet at Stony Brook Reservation in Hyde Park. Call (617) 333-7404 for meeting place and directions.

Are you looking to get some exercise for you and your dog? Join a DCR Ranger for an easy summer stroll through Stony Brook Reservation. Bring your favorite furry friend and hit the trail. All dogs must be on a leash not to exceed 7 feet.

**Meet at 10 am every other Sunday:**

Sunday, June 4  
Sunday, June 25  
Sunday, July 9  
Sunday, July 23  
Sunday, August 6  
Sunday, August 20



## Saturday, June 3 9 am - 4 pm National Trails Day at Cutler Park

Meet at Cutler Park Reservation on Great Plain Avenue in Needham. Call (617) 698-1802 for registration. National Trails Day is a great way to meet people and stay healthy while lending a hand to improve local parkland. Join DCR park staff, REI, NEMBA, trail volunteers and friends from greater Boston as we improve the trails through the woods and marshes of Cutler Park. Sign up for a morning or afternoon trail work session or come for both! All tools, equipment and gloves provided. Please wear work clothes and sturdy footwear.



## Sunday, June 11 1 pm Wilson Mountain Wander

Meet at the Wilson Mountain parking lot on Rt. 135 in Dedham. Call (617) 333-7404 for detailed directions.

Enjoy a scenic ramble at Wilson Mountain Reservation as we meander through wetlands and hike among the hillsides of blooming mountain laurel. 1.5 hours

## Sunday, June 18 9 am Father's Day Ponkapoag Paddle

Call (617) 698-1802 for registration and meeting place. Grab your Dad and climb into a canoe for a scenic paddle. Enjoy the quiet of Ponkapoag Pond on this early morning float. Previous canoeing experience required for this program. Must be 12 years or older. 2 hours.

## Saturday, June 24 1 pm Insect Safari

Meet at Brookwood Farm on Blue Hill River Road in Canton. Call (617) 698-1802 for directions. We will capture and release all varieties of six-legged creatures on this meadow exploration. We'll bring nets, bug boxes and magnifiers to identify our guests. Activities are suitable for all ages. 1.5 hours.

## Saturday, July 8 1 pm Kids Fun and Games Hike

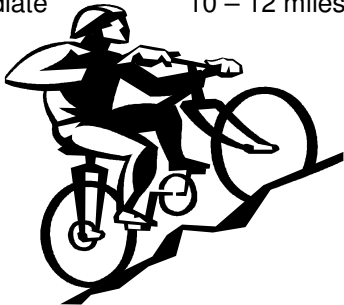
Meet at the Houghton's Pond main parking lot on Hillside Street in Milton. Join us for a fun-filled hike of nature games and outdoor frolic. We'll have fun in the sun on this family foray. Ages 6 and up. 1.5 hours.

## TrailWatch Mountain Bike Rides

Call (617) 698-1802 to register for rides and meeting place. Pedal with DCR TrailWatch Volunteers. You must bring: a bike, helmet, and water. Eye protection, snacks, a spare tube, a pump and tools are also recommended.

**Saturday, July 15 9 am**  
Beginner/Introductory 4-6 miles

**Saturday, August 16 9 am**  
Intermediate 10 – 12 miles



## Sunday, July 16 10 am Seek and Find with GPS

Please call (617) 698-1802 to register for the program. Space is limited. Learn the basic functions and use of GPS (Global Positioning System). After a brief discussion, we will put these skills to use in the Blue Hills. Come prepared for the heat and to do a little bushwhacking. Participants must bring their own GPS equipment. 2 hours.

## Saturday, July 22 10 am – 3 pm Houghton's Pond Fish Festival

Take Rt. 93 to exit 3 and follow the signs to picnic site 5 on the west side of Houghton's Pond. "Catch" some "reel" fun at Houghton's Pond this summer! Join the DCR rangers and instructors from MassWildlife to learn the basics of fishing in this free clinic. Equipment is available or bring your own if possible. Crafts, games and other fishy activities too! A guaranteed good time.

## Sunday, July 30 1 pm Mountain Bike the Upper Charles River Greenway

Call (617) 698-1802 for registration and meeting place. Space is limited. Join a DCR Ranger for an intermediate mountain bike ride along the Upper Charles River Greenway. We'll cover ten miles winding through a number of scenic parks and open spaces along the Charles River. 2.5 hours.



**Saturday, August 5 1 pm**  
**Wild Edibles Wander**

*Call (617) 698-1802  
for registration  
and meeting place.*

Berries and other Blue Hills delectables will be ripe for the picking as we wander through the woods and fields of the reservation. Join a DCR Ranger on this summer stroll, with snacks provided along the trail! 1.5 hours.

**Sunday, August 13**  
**10 am - 3 pm**

**Stony Brook**  
**Kids Fest**

*Meet at Stony Brook Reservation in Hyde Park. Parking at the Olsen Pool on Turtle Pond Parkway. Activities at the Stony Brook Recreation Area between Kelley Field and Olsen Pool.*

Calling all kids! Join the DCR Rangers and friends for an action-packed day of outdoor fun. Crafts, games, races, live animals, public safety displays, food, music and more.

Plus, a Big Truck display! Great family fun!

For more information, call (617) 333-7404.



**Saturday, August 19 1 pm**  
**Meet Scout, the Search Dog**

*Meet at Brookwood Farm at 11 Blue Hill River Road in Canton. Call (617) 698-1802 for more details.*

Join a DCR Ranger and her young canine partner Scout to find out how to hike safe and smart. Scout is a young search dog "in training." Come see them work and be a part of the training. 1.5 hours.

**Sunday, August 27 1 pm**  
**Ponkapoag Pond Ramble**

*Meet at the Ponkapoag Golf Course on Route 138 in Canton.*

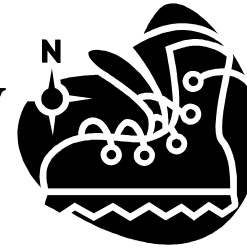
Join us for a scenic ramble around Ponkapoag Pond. We'll wander along the pond edge and woodlands on this late summer stroll. 2 hours.

**Sunday, September 3 6:30 pm**  
**Sunset of Summer Hike**

*Meet at the Trailside Museum north parking lot on Rte. 138 in Milton.*

End the day with a scenic hike to the summit of Great Blue Hill. We will watch the sun set before our twilight descent. Bring family and friends. 1.5 hours.

**Things  
to know  
before  
you go**



- Wear sturdy footwear
- Carry drinking water on all hikes
- Dress in layers for maximum comfort
- We will hike unless the weather is severe
- If weather conditions are questionable, please call the reservation headquarters at (617) 698-1802

**All programs are free!**

If you would like to receive this brochure via e-mail, please send an e-mail request to:

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# Hikes and Happenings

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